

# ***Scrap-Buster***

# ***Holiday Light Garland***

**Crochet Pattern by Carla D. T. Fisher**



Make a string of realistically proportioned C9-size (big outdoor) holiday lights out of leftover yarn using just a few simple stitches. These cheerful decorations will not only never burn out, but will help to use up odds and ends of yarn from your scrap bin!

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## **TOOLS & MATERIALS**

**Hook Size:** US C / 2.75 mm

**Yarn:** 4-Ply Worsted Weight Acrylic (such as Red Heart Super Saver)

**CORD/SOCKET Color:** A larger amount of a single color for your garland “electrical”  
CORD and SOCKETS, such as Black, Dark Green, Brown, or White.

**BULB Color:** Any colors you want to use up from your scraps!  
Approx. 6 yards per BULB.

**Toy Stuffing:** A small handful for each BULB.

**Yarn Needle**

**Scissors**

## **TECHNIQUES / ABBREVIATIONS USED (US Terms):**

Crochet in the Round (Rnd)

Magic Ring

Stitch / Stitches (St / Sts)

Slip Stitch (Sl st)

Chain (Ch)

Single Crochet (Sc)

Back Loop Only (BLO)

Front Loop Only (FLO)

Invisible Decrease

Fasten Off (FO)

### **BULB:**

Make as many as you would like to include in the garland. It is easiest to make all BULBs first, then create SOCKETS to attach and finish.

Use any color! This is a great way to bust your scrap stash. This piece is worked starting from the tip of the BULB and working backward toward the join with the SOCKET:

*Rnd 1:* Make a Magic Ring with 4 sc. DO NOT join rounds. (4 sts)

*Rnd 2:* [Sc, 2sc] x2 (6 sts)

*Rnd 3:* [Sc, 2sc] x3 (9 sts)

*Rnd 4:* [Sc in next 2 sts, 2sc in next st] x3 (12 sts)

Tuck tail of Magic Loop into tip of BULB.

*Rnd 5:* Sc in all sts around (12 sts)

*Rnd 6:* [Sc in next 2 sts, 2sc in next st] x4 (16 sts)

*Rnd 7-8:* Sc in all sts around (16 st)

*Rnd 9:* [Invisible Decrease, sc in next 2 sts] x4 (12 sts)

Stuff firmly.

*Rnd 10:* [Invisible Decrease, sc] x4 (8 sts)

*Rnd 11:* Sl st in all sts around to create a ridge for joining, leaving the piece open, FO. (8 sts)

Add stuffing to fill the BULB completely.

Tuck yarn tail into the neck of the BULB.

**VISUAL GUIDE (BULB)**

*Rnd 1:* Make a Magic Ring with 4 sc.



DO NOT join rounds. (4 sts)



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Stuff firmly.



*Rnd 10: [Invisible Decrease, sc] x4 (8 sts)*



*Rnd 11: Sl st in all sts around to create a ridge for joining, leaving the piece open, FO. (8 sts)*



Tuck yarn tail into the neck of the BULB.

### **SOCKET:**

Make an equal number to BULBs.

Using your chosen CORD/SOCKET Color, this piece is worked from the back of the SOCKET where it will join the CORD forward to where it will be stitched on to the last round of the BULB:

*Rnd 1: Make a Magic Loop with 4 sc. Sl st to join round. (4 sts)*

*Rnd 2: Ch 1. Starting in same st, 2sc in each st around. Sl st to join round. Gently manipulate stitches into a flat disc before continuing. (8 sts)*

*Rnd 3: Ch 1. Starting in same st, sc in BLO in all sts around. DO NOT join rounds. (8 sts)*

*Rnd 4: Sc in all sts around. DO NOT join rounds. (8 sts)*

*Rnd 5: One sc in first st in rnd (this gives a more even edge); SOCKET is complete.*

DO NOT fasten off!

## ***VISUAL GUIDE (SOCKET)***

*Rnd 1:* Make a Magic Loop with 4 sc.



Sl st to join round. (4 sts)



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Sl st to join round. Gently manipulate stitches into a flat disc before continuing. (8 sts)



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*Rnd 4:* Sc in all sts around. DO NOT join rounds. (8 sts)



*Rnd 5:* One sc in first st in rnd (this gives a more even edge); SOCKET is complete.



DO NOT fasten off!



**JOIN to BULB:**

Continuing as if on another rnd, match final round of sts on one BULB to one SOCKET and use sc to join FLOs of SOCKET and BULB. (8 sts)



Add a small amount of stuffing to the SOCKET before the pieces are fully joined.



Sl st to join to start of joining round, FO leaving a long tail (10" suggested) for sewing.



Using a yarn needle, thread the yarn tail back into the SOCKET and up through the center of the SOCKET Magic Ring (Rnd 1). Your light is complete and ready to join to a garland!



### **CORD:**

Using your chosen CORD/SOCKET Color, create a length of garland CORD. Just about any cord will do (cord-in-the-round, crochet i-cord, etc), though a single chain stitch is likely too thin. Suggested cord method for good proportion with the finished lights:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLE6N-RlvB4>

### **ASSEMBLE THE GARLAND**

Sew or tie finished BULBs onto CORD at regular intervals using the tail pulled through the Magic Ring of each SOCKET. Secure sewing tail to CORD with a good knot, weave in ends, and trim remainder.

Single finished lights also make cute and quick ornaments.

Hang and enjoy! Happy Holidays!

**Helpful Links:**

Magic Ring

<https://www.planetjune.com/blog/how-to-make-a-magic-ring-in-crochet-video/>

Invisible Decrease

<https://www.planetjune.com/blog/invisible-decrease-for-amigurumi-video/>

Narrow Pointed Tubes for Amigurumi (for tip of BULBs):

<https://www.planetjune.com/blog/narrow-pointed-tubes-for-amigurumi-video/>

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